

# MEXICAN OFFICER GOES FOR GRINGO AND GETS KILLED

## Loads Up on Whiskey and Starts Over and Opens Fire

TAKES PLACE ON  
EL PASO BRIDGE

**American Customs Inspector and  
Immigration Officer Reply to  
Fire—Dead Soldier Member  
of Federal Command.  
American Troops  
in Readiness.**

El Paso, Texas, September 6.—Lieutenant F. Acosta, an officer in General Salzar's federal command at Juarez crossed the Stanton Street international bridge this afternoon and was killed by United States Customs Inspector T. F. Jonah and Immigration Inspector Thomas N. Helfron after he had opened fire on them with a rifle.

He was shot through the mouth and arm, and his horse, from which he had dismounted, was shot through the side. The American officers were uninjured. Before crossing the bridge to the Mexican had remarked that he was "going to kill a Gringo."

**Mexican Opens Fire.**

Heffron was standing at the American end of the bridge when Acosta first opened fire on him. He fired back, using an automatic pistol. Jonathan hastened to his assistance, and began firing at the Mexican. The Mexican

Two troops of the Thirteenth Cavalry were ordered to the bridge following the shooting, in order to restrain the 1,000 Mexicans who had gathered on the Mexican side of the bridge.

**Troops in Readiness.**

General Hugh L. Scott, commander of the United States troops, was notified of the shooting, and he ordered all troops to be prepared for movement to El Paso from Fort Bliss in case of trouble.

To-night a detachment of cavalry was stationed at both international bridges, and army officers and troops have been ordered to remain at quarters in case of an outbreak among the

**Women Are Insulted.**  
E. Olsen, of El Paso, crossed to the

Mexican side with a party of American men and women, and reported later to American army officers that a Federal officer drew his pistol and threatened to shoot. Olson stated that the American women were insulted by the Mexican officer. They escaped injury by putting their automobile at full speed and hurrying to the American line.

They stated that several Mexican soldiers threatened them and shook their fists at them as they were going through the streets of Juarez. In

**Mexican Had Been Drinking.**  
Mexican officers at Juarez tried to

the bridge before his invasion, but he threatened to shoot any one who interfered with him. The Mexican officers said he had been drinking, and after he was killed a bottle of Mexican whiskey was found in his saddle bags.

**SOLVE SCHOOL CONGESTION**

**Great Steps Taken to Relieve Conditions in New York.**  
New York, September 6.—Through the sacrifice of three school superintendents, who gave up their summer vacation to work out the puzzle of New York's overcrowded schools. It is

believed the number of pupils on part time will be cut from 100,000 to 30,000 when the schools open Monday.

By dovetailing work, utilizing every inch of schoolroom, doubling half classes into one room, converting gymnasiums and play-yards into school rooms, and by transferring whole schools from one building to another, a ten-year puzzle of congestion has been brought nearer to solution than ever before.

In many of the crowded districts the

plan involves wholly new hours, with schools, which have previously opened at 9 and closed at 3, being open for work from 8:30 to 4:30 continuously.

**PUT BEVERIDGE ACROSS**

**Former President of N. A. M. Tells How Well He Knows Senator.**  
Washington, September 6.—David M.

"Well enough to put him across in

John Kirby, Jr., former president of the association, asked the committee to investigate the lobby activities of the American Federation of Labor. He insisted that his association had been stirred to political activity by the work of the labor organizations.

**Landed in Jail.**

Memphis, Tenn., September 6.—John Roberts, arrested at Somerville, Tenn.,

on the charge of shooting into mail boxes, and believed to be one of the bandits who held up an Illinois Central train near Batesville, Miss., several months ago, was placed in jail

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